

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION IS 8.26.2010

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24

RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

RE: ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHICH
DEMONSTRATES A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF
FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "COUNTY")
TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES, GUIDELINES, GOALS, AND
STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY.

WHEREAS, Sustainability means satisfying our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the County has endorsed sustainability as a systematic, integrating principle to guide decision making; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to lead by example, through its operations and policies, demonstrating the benefit of sustainable practices through financial savings from increased operational efficiencies and reduced energy costs, measureable improvements to environmental quality, and a healthier, more productive work environment; and

WHEREAS, the County made a strong statement of commitment to sustainability through the creation of the Office of Environmental Sustainability in 2008;

WHEREAS, the County has provided leadership and coordination of sustainability initiatives through an internal Sustainable Action Team and an external Sustainability Commission, providing opportunities for program management, policy development, outreach and education, and partnership and network building; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared a Comprehensive Energy Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2024 which establishes definitive goals to reduce the County's use of non-renewable energy over a 15-year period in its office buildings, facilities and vehicle fleet by 50 percent or more; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a Frederick County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Report that establishes a baseline for future reporting of emissions from government operations and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the County adopted a Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations for Fiscal Year 2011-2015 that provides a coordinated, five-year strategy for the integration of sustainable practices into Frederick County government operations and decision-making processes that will result in:

- a greener, healthier built environment,
- increased energy and water efficiency and energy independence,
- improved air quality and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions,
- protected natural systems and green infrastructure,
- increased recycling and materials reuse,
- growth of markets for environmental products and services,
- increased employee participation and decision-making in workplace sustainability, and
- reduced expenses, risk and liability over the long-term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND:

That the County Manager may direct County staff to implement the goals, guiding principles, and action strategies provided in the Sustainable Action Plan for County Operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the County through all the initiatives described above hereby acknowledges its commitment to the residents of Frederick County to provide a more stable, sustainable future for its residents that will ensure lasting social, economic, and environmental prosperity.

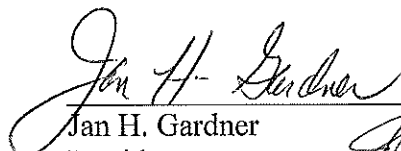
26th The undersigned hereby certifies that this Resolution was approved and adopted on the day of August, 2010.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND



Ronald A. Hart
County Manager



Jan H. Gardner
President 